

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 28

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Johnny and Fay Cripps for their integrity, honor, and virtue as demonstrated by their actions in returning a large sum of money.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should pay tribute to those venerable citizens who demonstrate exceptional individuality through their unflagging morality and allegiance to what is right; without requiring recognition or praise, these exceptional citizens elevate the bar of excellence for others who strive for uprightness; and

WHEREAS, H. Jackson Brown, Jr. most adequately described the genuineness of human spirit in his quote, "Our character is what we do when no one is looking"; and

WHEREAS, Johnny and Fay Cripps of Hermitage bring authenticity to this statement, along with a renewal of faith in humanity during a time in our society filled with needless violence, hate, and dishonesty; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Cripps were on their way to a doctor's appointment, when they stumbled across an envelope filled with \$7,900 in cash and a blank check; and

WHEREAS, following their lifelong philosophy that doing a good deed without the expectation of a reward is the right thing, the Crippses contacted the Mt. Juliet Police Department to find the true owner of the money; and

WHEREAS, the police department found the lawful owner of the cash on the same day via the blank check enclosed in the envelope; and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial to society that people such as Johnny and Fay Cripps, not only continue to practice their lifelong beliefs of honesty and integrity, but also implement these values on a daily basis to provide humanity with more compassion and benevolence; and

WHEREAS, society profits most from citizens who consider their neighbor's needs first, and if we were all committed to practicing this philosophy, we would have more gracious, pleasant and responsive communities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and recognize Johnny and Fay Cripps for their outstanding honor and devotion to pursuing what is right, commend and thank them for faithfully practicing their beliefs and ideals, and extend to them our best wishes for continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.